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Much will depend on how well Stuart Baxter plays in Hellas' defence, against Galakos and Antomadis. Baxter is pictured receiving treatment after being injured.



Former Liverpool striker Alun Evans (right) in a heading duel against Eddie Thomson during a Hellas v. Hakoah match.



Hellas right back Mike Pye is a veteran of big games, having often represented Victoria. He is pictured trying in vain to clear the ball which has eluded Victorian goalkeeper Peter Laumets (on ground) in a game against Australia B. At left is Henry Kolecki of the Australia team.



Hellas goalkeeper Jack Reilly makes a spectacular leap during Victoria's game against Pele's team Santos at Olympic Park in 1973. At right is Santos winger Edu.



Chris Kalafatis starred in his debut for Australia against Greece, so he's looking forward to taking on Olympiakos. He's pictured winning the ball from John Kosmina (right) and Peter Boyle (rear) of West Adelaide.



Chris Kent — he came back after injury late in the season. Usually a winger, he took the field as a full back to stop Marconi's Peter Sharne, and he did a good job.

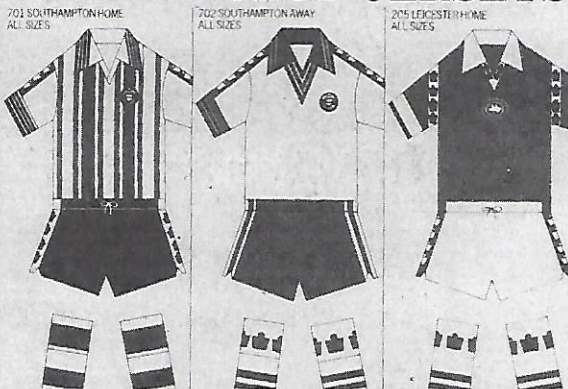


Goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski of NSW State League club Auburn concedes a goal. Hellas wants to sign Hoszowski, as John Hansen has returned to Europe.



Sammy Wright — he'll be trying to stop the Olympiakos midfield stars, as well as setting up attacks for Hellas.

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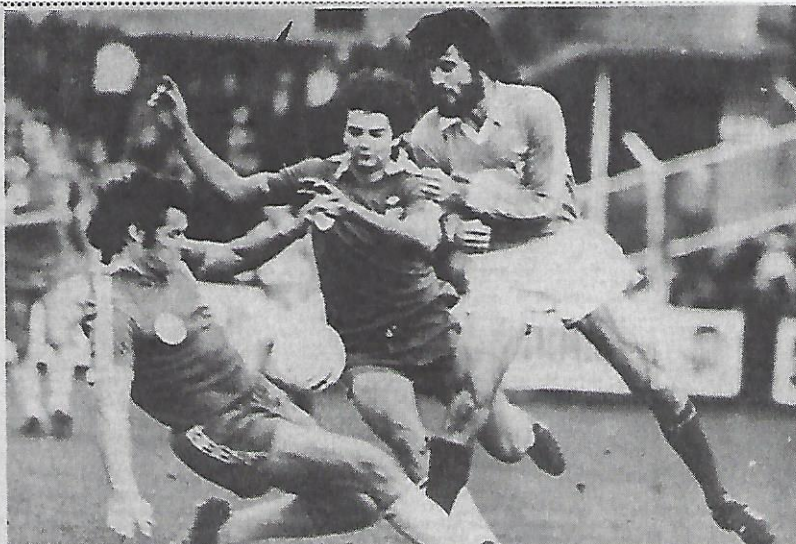
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Altomitos, the Greek club which lost 0-4 to a Hellas-Alexander combined team in 1976. Standing from left: Sarantinos, Ekonomou, Bergeles, Apostolopoulos, Pandelidis, Panakis (coach), Kokinos, Athanasopoulos, Tampartzis, Raptis, Konstantinidis, Front: Validis, Kotsalos, Kanelos, Stefanidis, Karalis, Misailidis, Stavrianos. Altomitos also included guest players Domazos and Gioutsos.





George Christopoulos (centre) and Murray Barnes (right) will both play against Olympiakos, but Frank Munro (left) of Hellas has been holidaying overseas. Christopoulos, a national under 19 representative will be in the Hellas team that will meet Olympiakos in Melbourne on Saturday night. Barnes, of Hakoah-Easts will face the Greeks in Sydney on December 3.

# Olympiakos tour kicks off with Hellas game

**Olympiakos starts its Australian tour with a game against South Melbourne Hellas at Olympic Park at 8.30 pm on Saturday.**

It is the first of three matches by Olympiakos in Australia.

The others are against Philips League select teams at Hindmarsh stadium Adelaide next Wednesday at 8 pm and at the Sydney sports ground on Sunday week, December 3, at 5.30 pm.

It is expected to be the most successful Australian tour by an overseas club.

The visit by Olympiakos has been arranged by Hellas president **Sam Pappasavas**, who is also chairman of the Philips League.

It will cost a total of about \$110,000.

The Hellas team to meet Olympiakos may include **Steve Hoszowski**, the goalkeeper of NSW State League club Auburn.

Hellas is keen to sign Hoszowski, who has played for the NSW State team.

He threatened to take the NSW Federation and Auburn to court earlier this year to test the transfer fee system, after Auburn had quoted him at \$6000.

Hellas will feature a number of other guest players, to replace

Hellas starts who are on holidays overseas.

The absentees include **George Campbell**, **Bertie Lutton** and **Frank Munro**. **Margaritis Hagegnouil** has been holidaying in Greece.

**George Christopoulos** is back from the Australian under 19s' trip to New Zealand for World Youth

Championship qualifying matches.

**Billy Rogers** is unlikely to play for Hellas next year, as he has moved into the country, but he may make a farewell appearance against Olympiakos.

**Ken Drayford**, Hellas' recruit from England, is likely to be in the team.

Hellas will find Olympiakos a much more difficult opponent than Atromitos which visited Melbourne in 1976.

A Hellas-Alexander combined team met Atromitos at Olympic Park and won 4-0 with goals by **Peter Ollerton**, **Ian Gibson**, **Jim Armstrong** and **Mike Pye**.



Billy Rogers scores against Sydney Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier. If Rogers plays against Olympiakos on Saturday night, it may be his last game for Hellas.



Hellas striker Duncan Cummings — he'll worry Olympiakos' star defenders Kirastas and Karavitis.

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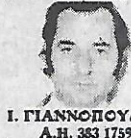
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# Goals make

**Striker Mike Galakos promises to be the star of Olympiakos' Australian tour.**

Galakos is rated the best striker in Greece.

Team mate **Anton Antoniadis** may have the bigger reputation because he's been around a lot longer, but Galakos is now a better player.

In Greece's recent European championship match against Hungary, Galakos scored two goals, set up two more for **Ardizoglou** and **Mavros** and had another one disallowed. Greece won 4-1.

Galakos was born in West Germany of Greek parents.

He almost joined newly-promoted German Bundesliga club Nuernberg early this year but changed his mind and stayed at Olympiakos.

It was because of the uncertainty about his future that Galakos missed Greece's early international matches this year.

But now he's back, and Greece is really firing!

Of course Galakos won't steal all the limelight away from Antoniadis.

The great striker, bought this year from Panathinaikos, was runner-up to Germany's **Gerd Mueller** in the European top goalscorer award of 1971-72.

Two other Olympiakos stars are defenders **Giannis Kirastis** and **Petros Karavitis** who toured Australia with Greece this year.

Veteran midfielder **Mihalis Krylikopoulos** was on Greece's Australian tour of 1969.

Young striker **Kaltas**, signed this year from Seres, scored in both of Olympiakos' UEFA Cup games against Levski Spartak of Bulgaria this year, but Olympiakos lost 3-4 on aggregate.

Olympiakos features two South Americans — **Porono** and **Losanda** and a Cypriot defender, **Papadopoulos**, who was bought from Ethnikos this year.

Other players include defenders **Synetosopoulos**, **Kanellos** and **Mihos**, goalkeepers **Kefesidis** and **Arvanitis** and forwards **Lemonis** and **Persias**.



Anton Antoniadis (centre), while still with Panathinaikos. At left is Gramos and at right Papadimitriou.



Peter Persidis celebrates a goal. Persidis played for Olympiakos before returning to Austria to join Rapid Vienna. He was in Austria's World Cup squad this year.

Olympiakos defender Takis Synetosopoulos clashes with Mavros (right) of AEK Athens.

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AEK Athens.....	21	11	2	49	23	53
PAOK Salonika.....	16	14	4	55	25	46
Panathinaikos.....	17	7	8	63	25	45
OLYMPIAKOS.....	17	10	7	46	23	44
Iannina.....	14	10	10	44	23	38

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PAOK Salonika.....	21	7	2	60	17	49
AEK Athens.....	18	8	4	57	18	44
OLYMPIAKOS.....	16	9	5	48	28	41
Panathinaikos.....	14	10	6	47	28	38
Iannina.....	15	6	9	40	33	36

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Panathinaikos.....	23	8	3	70	20	54
OLYMPIAKOS.....	23	6	5	70	27	52
PAOK Salonika.....	21	10	3	63	27	52
AEK Athens.....	24	3	7	63	29	51
Aris Salonika.....	17	8	9	58	34	42

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLYMPIAKOS.....	24	9	1	65	21	57
AEK Athens.....	23	9	2	73	20	55
PAOK Salonika.....	19	8	7	73	28	46
Ethnikos.....	17	11	6	48	28	45
Panathinaikos.....	14	12	8	62	41	40



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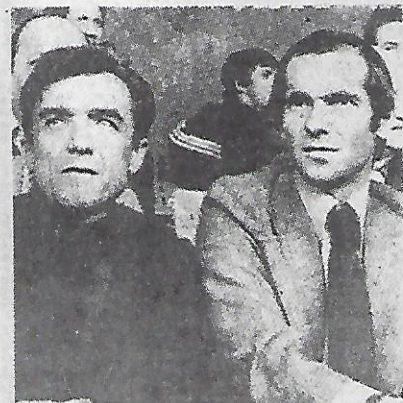
# Galakos the new idol of Greece



Mike Galakos, the Olympiakos super-star who scored two of the goals in Greece's 4-1 victory over Hungary in their European championship match in Athens a few weeks ago.



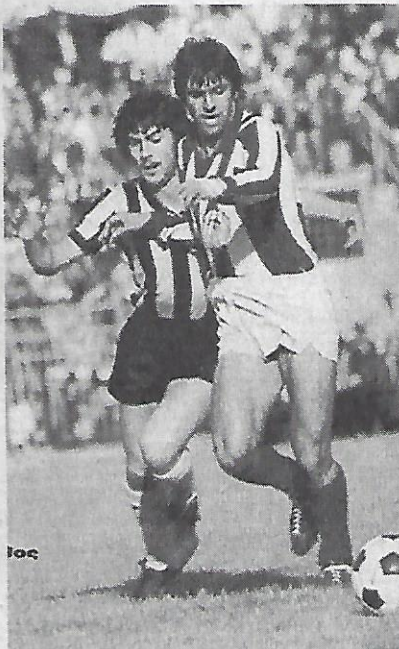
Olympiakos stars Julio Losanda (left) and Mihail Kritikopoulos.



Anton Antoniadis (right) and his coach Todor Veselinovic "spying" on one of Olympiakos' opponents.



From left — Perone, Papadopoulos and Galakos argue that Olympiakos should be awarded a penalty in a recent game against AEK.



Former Olympiakos super-star George Delikaris does battle against AEK. Delikaris is now with Panathinaikos.

## Sydney to get Melbourne game on radio

Radio 3EA will broadcast the South Melbourne Hellas v Olympiakos match at Middle Park live to Sydney.

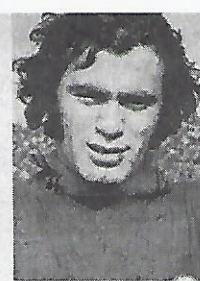
Elias Donoudis will be the main broadcaster.

He will be assisted by Dino Melidonis and Jose Montes who will make comments in English.

The match between Olympiakos and a PSL select team in Sydney will be broadcast live to Melbourne.



Olympiakos forward Giannis Kirastas (left) with journalist Elias Donoudis in Melbourne during the visit by the Greek national team earlier this year. Donoudis will be the main commentator in radio 3EA's broadcast to Sydney of the Hellas v Olympiakos match.



Olympiakos goalkeeper Panagiotis Kelesidis.



Arvanitis, the No. 2 goalkeeper of Olympiakos.



Perone — Olympiakos signed him from Uruguay last year.

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Three goalkeepers are vying for a place in the Sydney PSL select team that will meet Olympiakos on December 3. They are Gary Meier of Olympic, Allen Maher, of Marconi and Todd Clarke of Hakoah. The pictures show: RIGHT: Meier going down for an easy save; LEFT: Maher tapping over the bar as team-mate Stewart Selva tries to block Hakoah's Mark Trenter (centre) and, ABOVE: Clarke being beaten by a shot from Western Suburbs' Warren Turnbull (left).



## RASIC, VESELINOVIC ARE FORMER CLUB-MATES

Rale Rasic, the most successful coach to lead Australia is at the helm of the PSL selection to meet Olympiakos in Sydney on December 3.

His players have been training three times a week and have been promised a bonus if successful against the famous visitors.

However, Rasic will have to contend not only with the great Olympiakos, but with the guise of Todor Veselinovic, the ex-Yugoslav international and coach of the Greek team.

Veselinovic, once a member of the great Vojvodina side from Novi Sad, one of the greatest players to wear a Yugoslav guernsey, although during his time in the national team he stood in

the shadow of the great Red Star inside forward, Rajko Mitic.

Todor Veselinovic and Rale Rasic will sit on opposite benches during the Australian PSL Olympiakos game but their sporting rivalry will last only for the 90 minutes of the game.

In the fifties the two played for Vojvodina, the team known for its footballing qualities.

Its "short-passing" game, with Boskov, Veselinovic, Rajkov and Krstic as the most feared players, delighted the crowd, and brought Vojvodina the crown of Yugoslav champions.

Rale Rasic knows the style that Veselinovic has introduced to Olympiakos and his aim will be to stop the visitors in the early part of the game, not allowing them to assert superiority in midfield.

Rale Rasic has picked the following players for the PSL's match against Olympiakos at the

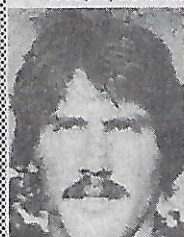
Sydney Sports Ground at 5.30 pm, on December 3:

Clarke, Mullen, Steve O'Connor, Barnes, Stevenson, Souness and Campbell (Hakoah), Maher, Degney, Prskalo, Rooney, Vieri, Sharpe and Jankovic (Marconi), Turnbull and Eaton (West-Apia), Raskopoulos and Jamieson (Olympic), Crosse and Phil O'Connor (St George).

The squad for the game at Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide next Wednesday night is likely to include the giants of South Australian soccer — Neil McGachey, Peter Boyle, David Jones, Con Kampus, Martyn Crook, Vic Bozanic, Barry Reynolds and Ian McGregor of West Adelaide and Agenor Muniz, Dixie Deans, John and Bugey Nyskhous and John Perin of Adelaide City.



Rale Rasic watches from the Press box to evaluate players in his Sydney PSL squad.



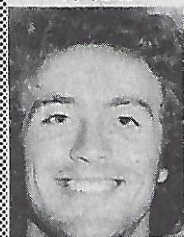
Hakoah centre back Steve O'Connor — will try to strengthen his claim to a place in the national team with a star performance if selected to play against Olympiakos.



Sydney Olympic's young midfielder Alex Jamieson — given his big chance against Olympiakos.



St. George defender Brendan Grosse — a highly underrated player.



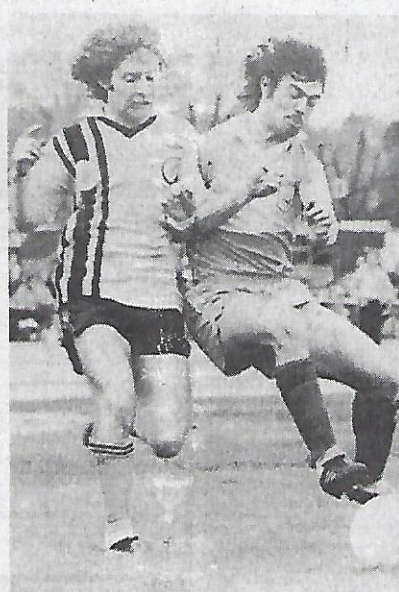
Phil O'Connor of St George — he aims to cause Olympiakos as many problems as he regularly causes opposing defenders in the Phillips League.



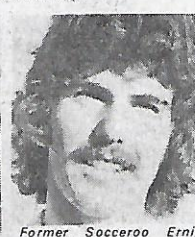
Is Ken Mullen the best right back in Australia? He'll try to prove it once more against Olympiakos. Mullen (left) of Hakoah, is pictured in action against Mendo Ristovski of Footscray.



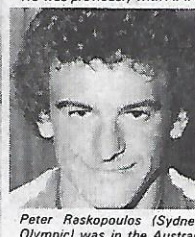
Olympiakos' full backs will have to be on their toes against speedy Peter Sharne, who is determined to win his way back into the Socceroo squad.



Ian Souness (right), opposed by Fitzroy's Ken Taylor, won the 1978 Australian best under 21 player award. The young Hakoah star should prove a handful for Olympiakos in midfield.



Former Socceroo Ernie Campbell, named in Rasic's squad, hasn't played representative soccer for quite a while. Campbell, who was in Australia's 1974 World Cup squad, joined Hakoah-Easts from Marconi early this year. He was previously with APIA.



Peter Raskopoulos (Sydney Olympic) was in the Australian schoolboys squad that toured America and he's just returned from New Zealand with the national under 19 team. Now he's in the squad to meet Olympiakos in Sydney.

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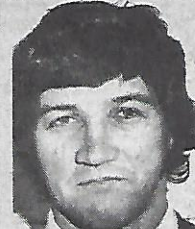
If Jimmy Rooney plays for the NSW select against Olympiakos, it will be his farewell to Sydney, as he's about to move back to Melbourne.



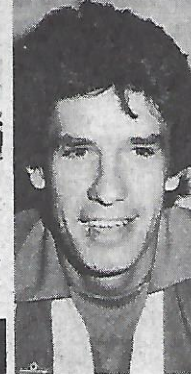
Hakoah's John Stevenson had a fine game for Australia against Greece earlier this year, and is looking forward to doing as much damage against Olympiakos.



West Adelaide's Martyn Crook — voted best goalkeeper in Australia for the past two years. He's almost certain to keep goal against Olympiakos in Adelaide.



Adelaide City's Nyskohus brothers — defender Bugsey (left) and forward John. Both have played for Australia, so they will cause Olympiakos a few headaches.



South Australia's player of the year Neil McGachey, who was also runner-up in the Australian Player of the Year voting. He'll play in midfield against Olympiakos in Adelaide.



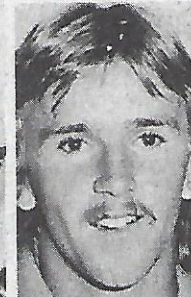
West Adelaide's international centre back David Jones gets out of the way as J.U.S.T.'s Mendo Ristovski comes flying past. Jones is being billed as the new Peter Wilson.



Con Kampas — the no-nonsense sweeper of West Adelaide — is well aware of Olympiakos' ability. Kampas arrived from Greece early in 1978.



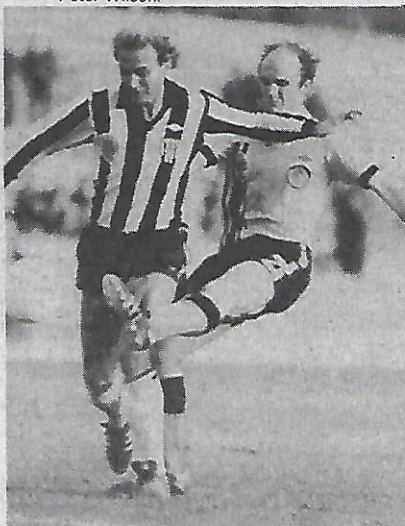
West Adelaide's Barry Reynolds is in line for one of the full back positions in the South Australian PSL team to meet Olympiakos next Wednesday night in Adelaide.



West Adelaide's irrepressible winger Ian McGregor. A forward line of John Nyskohus, Dixie Deans and McGregor would worry Olympiakos.



Dixie Deans — top scorer in the Phillips League in 1977 and one of the all-time great strikers of Scottish soccer. He'll take on the Olympiakos defence in Adelaide.



Adelaide City midfielder Agenor Muniz (left), pictured in action against former Fitzroy full back Vince Bannon. Muniz has been making a strong bid for reinclusion in the Socceroo squad of Rudi Gutendorf.



Adelaide City's former Socceroo John Perin.



Marconi left — back Paul Degney, pictured here being tackled by Ken Taylor of Fitzroy.



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# Down 0-4, then Vasos cut loose

Giannis Vasos spearheaded the "post-Andreanopoulos" era at Olympiakos.

Giannis Andreanopoulos had quit earlier and in 1931, his brother Giorgios also hung up his boots.

Vasos, a short but well-built forward, was born in Smirni. In 1922, when Turkey took over that area, he and his family left as refugees in a small boat.

He started soccer with Apollon of Dραπεζονα.

Olympiakos officials saw him there and signed him up in July, 1931, when he was 18-years-old.

His first game for Olympiakos was a "friendly" against Atromitos. He scored three of the four goals in Olympiakos' 4-1 victory, and thus earned the right to replace the great Giorgios Andreanopoulos on the forward line.

Vasos became the superstar of Olympiakos. "The Fox" was his nick-name.

He performed his most memorable feat in a game against Panathinaikos on June 12, 1938.

Panathinaikos was leading 4-0 at the 59-minute mark. Then Vasos cut loose, scoring four goals to tie the game 4-4.

Vasos also played 14 times for Greece.

And he was a driving force in one of the most successful periods of Olympiakos' history when it won every championship from 1932 to 1938.

Vasos retired in 1947-48.



Giannis Vasos



The Olympiakos team of 1930-31, going from top left clockwise around circle: Dinos Andreanopoulos, Giorgios Andreanopoulos, Vassili Andreanopoulos, Leonidas Andreanopoulos, Koroneos, Kourandis, Gramatikopoulos, Hrsafopoulos, Lekos, Terezakis. Centre: Panopoulos.

## 8-2—a result they'll never forget

Olympiakos and Panathinaikos are traditional rivals in Greek soccer.

Their first game was in 1925-26, when they drew 3-3.

Olympiakos' worst results came in 1929-30, during the play-offs for the Greek championship.

Olympiakos qualified as champion of Piraeus, Aris as champion of Salonika and Panathinaikos as champion of Athens.

The atmosphere was electric when Olympiakos and Panathinaikos faced each other in June, 1930.

The week before, the Greek national team had lost 1-8 to Rumania in the Balkan Cup. Naturally enough the Olympiakos players, who comprised the bulk of the national team, were psychologically shattered.

But if they felt badly at the start of the match, they felt a lot worse after Panathinaikos had thrashed them 8-2!

Panathinaikos led 4-0 at half time, and made it 5-0 before Olympiakos pulled it back to 5-2.

Panathinaikos won the return match 2-1 to clinch the championship.

53 YEARS OF

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## Club for March 1

Olympiakos was born at 1 on March 10, 1925.

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The first coach of Olympiakos — Kopsiva, a Czechoslovakian.

## Clubman till



Filipos Kourandis

Two of Olympiakos' early recruits were defender Filipos Kourandis and goalkeeper Achilleas Gramatikopoulos who joined in 1929.

Kourandis, a fighter who also knew all the secrets

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George Darvas — a great forward in the forties, now assistant coach of Olympiakos.



Elias Rosidis in the shirt of Greece. A fast, and very tough player, Rosidis represented Greece 29 times.

## BEBIS ALL-TIME GREAT



Most fans would include Domazos, Loukanidis, Nestoridis and Papaioannou among the all-time greats of Greek soccer.

They would also include Thanasis Bebis who was bought by Olympiakos from Fostira in the 1949-50 season.

Fostira would not release Bebis to play for Olympiakos, so the great midfielder could play only in friendly games until Fostira relented two years later!

Predictably, Olympiakos was always successful in friendly games when Bebis was in the team. However, without Bebis in official matches Olympiakos found it much more difficult.

Bebis was a midfielder general of great imagination and stamina. He played for Greece 17 times and his great leadership inspired Olympiakos to many succes-



# FORWARD LINE COMPRISED FIVE BROTHERS

In 1928, Olympiakos won 3-0 against a team from Belgrade to win the "Easter Cup", contested also by AEK, Panathinaikos and a combined team from Rumania.

After the game, hundreds of fans raced onto the ground and hoisted players onto their shoulders amid much excitement.

The Yugoslavs from Belgrade were puzzled, until they were told the reason for the enthusiastic celebrations.

Then they joined in, clapping and cheering. The Olympiakos fans acknowledged the Yugoslavs' sportsmanship by lifting them shoulder-high, as they had done with the players of Olympiakos.

The reason for all the excitement was that five Andreanopoulos brothers had played together for the first time.

**Giannis, Georgios, Dinos and Vassili** had been regulars on the Olympiakos forward line.

**Leonidas**, who was only 16, came on for his first senior match against Belgrade. Thus, the entire forward line was manned by the Andreanopoulos family!

There were seven brothers altogether.

However, the oldest of them, **Aristidis**, who excelled at running and the high jump, died early, and younger **Stellios** started playing much later than the others.

**Georgios** quit soccer in 1931, when he was 28 years old, and was elected president of Olympiakos. He also became a member of the Piraeus town council.

His brother **Giannis** became club president in 1933.

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## National Champs

Olympiakos and Ethnikos always reached the Piraeus final because they had virtually no opposition, so in 1930-31, it was decided to start a national league to raise the overall standard.

Eight teams formed the new league — Panathinaikos, AEK and Apollon of Athens; Aris, PAOK and Iraklis of Salonika and Olympiakos and Ethnikos of Piraeus.

In its first match, Olympiakos beat Iraklis 3-1, with two goals by Dinos Andreanopoulos and one by his brother Leonidas.

**Leonidas, Georgios and Vassili Andreanopoulos** shared the goals in the next match — a 3-0 victory over PAOK.

Next, **Vassili** notched a hat-trick in Olympiakos' 3-1 win over Aris. The following week **Georgios Andreanopoulos** matched his brother's feat by netting all three in the 3-1 defeat of Apollon.

It was getting monotonous, the way those Andreanopoulos brothers were scoring goals.

Olympiakos won the championship so easily that the fans were beginning to lose interest.

But the champions from Piraeus tasted defeat at the end of the season, on a visit to Turkey.

They still tell the story of how blatantly the referee supported Fenerbahce in the first match and how an Army officer shot his rifle into the air behind the Olympiakos goal, making **Gramatikopoulos** so nervous that he could not concentrate. Olympiakos lost 0-1.

At first, Olympiakos refused to play the other scheduled match, against Galatasaray, but relented to the pleading of the Turkish officials. The atmosphere was again hostile and Olympiakos lost 0-2.



Simeonidas — scored two goals against Apollon to help Olympiakos win the 1937-38 championship.



The immortal Andreanopoulos brothers, who formed the Olympiakos forward line in the twenties, from left — Giannis, Dinos, Georgios, Vassili, Leonidas.



Olympiakos' 1932-33 championship-winning team, standing from left: Vasos, Leonidas Andreanopoulos, Vassili Andreanopoulos, Rangos, Terezakis, Hrsafopoulos, Korsianos, Panopoulos, Theodoridis. Front: Kourandis, Simenonidis.

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## George Sideris: 23 games for Greece

George Sideris (pictured), is one of the all-time greats of Greek soccer.

Nick-named "Fotakas", he represented Greece 23 times.

A centre forward, he was very skilful and as strong as Hercules himself.

Opponents found it extremely difficult to take the ball from him once he had it under control.

There was no organised soccer in Greece for two years during the war.

After the war, soccer resumed with local leagues, the winners of which played off for the Greek championships — as had been the case before the formation of the pre-war national league.

In the first season, 1945-46, Aris of Salonika won the national title but the following year Olympiakos was back in the limelight, winning the championship and the Cup.

Olympiakos added yet another championship in 1947-48.

It was about this time that George Darivas joined Olympiakos.

A skilful and imaginative forward, he scored hundreds of goals and represented Greece 17 times.

He is now assistant coach of Olympiakos.

When Vasos retired, Olympiakos lost some of its bite and as a result, lost the 1949 championship to Panathinaikos. However, the loss was only on goal average.

Vasos, at the age of 36, made a brief comeback in the 1949 Cup, but that trophy was won by AEK.

### Rangos dies

In 1949-50, the local leagues started very late and so there was no time for the national play-offs. As a result there was no national champion.

Olympiakos did, however, win the Piraeus league.

A former Olympiakos player, Kristoforos Rangos, died in 1950, at the age of 40, as the result of playing soccer!

He was coach of Zografos and when one of his players failed to turn up at the ground, Rangos had to play himself.

Half an hour after the game he died of a heart attack.

Pallbearers at his funeral were Vasos and Simonidis, who had played alongside Rangos on Olympiakos' forward line.

The period 1951 to 1963 was the most successful in the history of Olympiakos.

During that time, the club won seven championships — including an unbroken run of titles from 1954 to 1959 inclusive.

It also won the Cup 10 times during that period.

In 1957, 1958 and 1959, Olympiakos won successive league-Cup doubles.

For the whole decade, the Greek national team was based heavily on Olympiakos.

The Greek national league as it is today, started in 1960.

Although Olympiakos did not manage to win the league in the early years, it did reign supreme in the Cup.

Its 1960 Cup triumph, the first after the formation of the national league, was achieved with a 3-0 victory of Doxa in the final. Sideris scored two goals and K. Papazoglou one.

In 1963, Olympiakos and Panathinaikos drew after extra time in the Cup final. Both teams played very lazily during extra time, which angered the spectators, who were sick of draws in finals.

Driven to their breaking point, they swarmed onto the pitch, set fire to the goalposts and wrecked sections of the grandstand. There was no Cup winner that year.

### Bobek joins

Marton Bukovi, the Hungarian who was one of the leading coaches in Europe at the time, joined Olympiakos that year and under his guidance the club won the 1966 and 1967 championships.

The coach left after clashes with the committee and as a result Olympiakos did not win the championships for the next five years.

It did, however, win the 1968 Cup, beating Panathinaikos in the final with a goal by Vassiliou, a Cypriot.

Former Yugoslav international Stjepan Bobek was signed as coach in 1969-70, but it was not until 1973 that Olympiakos won its next championship.

It repeated the success in 1974 and in 1975.

In 1977, Panathinaikos won the league-Cup double, as did AEK in 1978.

The fans are hoping that Olympiakos will recapture its winning ways this year.

## No.1 GOALIE FOR SEVEN YEARS

This is Savvas Theodoridis, for seven years the No. 1 goalkeeper of Olympiakos in the 1950s.

He has his first game with the club at 18 and represented Greece 12 times.



## Boulis knew the glory

Boulis Kamboropoulos, the former midfielder star of South Melbourne Hellas, is the only player in Australia to have worn

the red and white of Olympiakos.

Kamboropoulos (right) is pictured in action against Peter Aldis of Wilhelmina during the mid-sixties.



The 1948 Olympiakos team, standing from left — Kourouklatos, Mouratis, Minardos, Giokas, Helms, Vaikakos. Front: Vassiliadis, Christopoulos, Vasos, Hagistatridis, Apostolopoulos.

## Legs were broken five times

Elias Ifandis was one of the top centre forwards in Greece in the fifties.

He could use both feet, he was fast, skilful and of such good character that he was known as "The Gentleman".

Opponents found that they could stop him only with crude fouls.

As a result, Ifandis suffered no less than FIVE leg fractures.

He is pictured (left) with team mate Thanasis Bebis.



The Olympiakos forward line of 1950-51: the start of Olympiakos golden age, from left: Angelos Vassiliadis, George Darivas, Stelios Christopoulos, Thanasis Bebis, Babis Drossos.



The Olympiakos defence of 1950-51, from left: Stelios Kourouklatos, Makis Germentis, Babis Kotridis, Nionios Minardos, Elias Rosidis, Andreas Moratis.



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Vassili Botinos, played on the left wing for Olympiakos during the sixties and also represented Greece.



The Olympiakos team of 1964-65, standing from left — Rosidis, Theodoridis, Ioannou, Stefanakos, Soulis, Polyhroniou. Front: Posidon, K. Papazoglou, Ifandis, Bebisi, Pshos.



The 1969 Greek national team, featuring four stars of Olympiakos. Standing from left: Haitsas (Panionios), Ikonomopoulos (Panathinaikos), Gaitadjis (Olympiakos), Balopoulos (AEK), Kamaras (Panathinaikos), Zanderoglou (Olympiakos), Front: Dedes (Panionios), Sideris (Olympiakos), Domazos (Panathinaikos), Papaionnou (AEK), Botinos (Olympiakos).

## Gioutsos visited us in 1976

Nikos Gioutsos (right) visited Australia in 1976 as a guest player with Atromitos, which also brought along the great Mimis Domazos.

Gioutsos joined Olympiakos from Hungary.

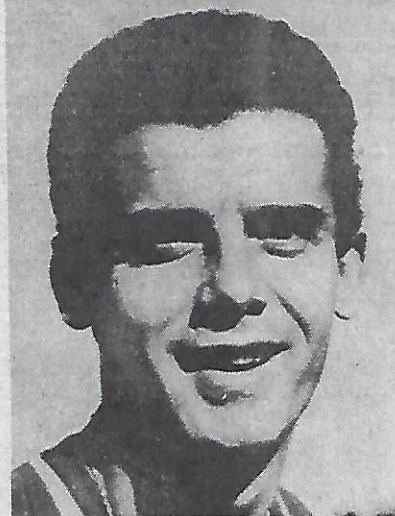
An attacking midfielder, he was also a Greek international.



## Captained Greece and club

Costas Polyhroniou (left) was captain of Olympiakos and of the Greek national team, for which he played 27 times.

He was a true utility player, equally as capable in defence, midfield or attack.



## Mimis turned to the movies

Mimis Stefanakos (above), who was Olympiakos' centre half in the late fifties, later became a movie actor in Greece.

Capped eight times, he was the first Greek defender to play a scientific, passing game instead of booting the ball wildly down the field.

A very skilful player, he also spent a few seasons with a South African club.



The 1954 team that won the Piraeus League, the Greek championship and the Greek Cup, standing from left: Xanthopoulos, Karapatos, Rosidis, Soulis, Kotridis, Germanis. Front: Koasos, Kokinatis, Moustaklis, Darivas, Drossos.

## PHILIPS LEAGUE

# Saints to be great again under Gelei

By PETER SCOTT

St George, one of the perennial powerhouses of Australian soccer, will soon be on the way up again according to its new coach Joe Gelei.

Gelei, a former Hungarian international goalkeeper, took over the reins from his stand-in predecessor, Joe Visalta.

He has the daunting task of transforming the famous Hungarian club from also-rans into winners.

In State League days St George was constantly among the trophies but in two seasons of Philips League football the red-and-white-and-greens finished a long way out of the honors.

In 1977 St George placed seventh, moving up to sixth this year — but only after it threatened to finish even further down the ladder, prompting the replacement of Ilya Takac in the coach's chair with that wisened old wizard of Australian soccer, "Uncle Joe" Visalta.

Visalta, while injecting his normal dose of miracle, made it clear that his "comeback" is only a temporary one.

However, in a few short weeks Visalta turned St George from the PSL punching bag into a credible threat to all opponents.

No doubt he passed on valuable hints to Gelei who, as the club's first specially imported coach since the days of Frank Arok, is unequivocally expected by the team's finicky fans to "produce the goods" next year.

The new coach doesn't consider it shameful that the ambitious St George finished well out of the running for the PSL championship for two consecutive years.

"Although I am new in Sydney, I imagine that the PSL is a lot more demanding than the State League ever was," he said.

"In addition, with clubs from all over the country, it is fair to assume they all aimed for the championship from the outset, but only one could actually win."

Quite apart from restoring some of its former lustre to St George's image, Joe Gelei also has a personal point to prove on behalf of all the goalkeepers who ever aimed for coaching fame and glory — and failed.

Gelei is acutely aware of this immediate reaction by many fans and "experts" whenever a former custodian lands a coaching job: "Whoever heard of a goalie who made a good coach?"

Aware, certainly, defensive about it, not by a mile.

"Perhaps it is true that none of the outstanding coaches are former goalies; I hope to prove the exception to this rule," he said.

"I have spent twenty years of my life as a full-time worker in soccer, first as a player and later as coach."

"During that time I was in the fortunate position of still being able to call myself a team mate of many legendary figures of Hungarian soccer at its very best, such as Hidegkuti and his colleagues."

"Thus, more of the lustre of my country's soccer prowess would have rubbed off on me than perhaps it would on today's up-and-coming youngsters."

Gelei also expects credit to be accorded to him from his five years coaching "apprenticeship" with Hungarian First Division club Tatabanya — one of the country's top provincial sides — where he was in charge of the youngsters in the squad.

"Under my initial tutelage some of those youngsters have gone on to careers as international players," he said.

Gelei went on to his first independent assignment with second division Szekesfehervar, where, during his two-year appointment, they won the Libartok Cup (Hungary's equivalent of the English League Cup) — ahead of all the country's top sides.

The new St George coach is confident some of these achievements will be put to good use — even though circumstances are vastly different from his former environment.

Gelei's knowledge of Australian soccer is rather sketchy, having arrived in Sydney after the end of the PSL season, but his impressions, which were gained during the Soccer's World Cup venture in 1974, were favorable.

While soccer players in Hungary are at their coaches' disposal for all but four or five weeks of the year, St George ended its season last August and may not play competitive football again until next March.

"As a professional, it is my task to adjust to Australian conditions — besides, they are the same for all the clubs," he said.

"I will move heaven and earth to ensure success for St. George in the PSL. If we fail it won't be for lack of determination on my part or the quality of my work."

"Certainly, the players and officials will be similarly determined to achieve success," Gelei said.

Of special interest to him is the establishment of rapport with the club's supporters, a band of enthusiasts he hopes to see considerably increased in number next year.

"It is my ambition that through my planning and work we will be able to attract old and new supporters to our games, where they will be richly rewarded by the attractiveness of our football and by many goals and victories through the year," the new coach said.

As the first East European coach to work in Sydney for many years, Gelei has to live up to the significant achievements of his best known predecessors — Cambal, Venglos and Arok.

If he succeeds, Australian soccer as a whole stands to benefit, because it has been proven through the sixties that a good St George team is one of the best sureties for an exciting, attractive competition in Sydney.

The same should hold true in the Philips League.



St. George's new coach Joe Gelei (right), the former Hungarian international goalkeeper, sitting with Saints official Les Bordacs at the ASPA dinner in Sydney.

## \$12,500 SPENT ON YOUTH

Newcastle K.B. United finished the season only slightly in the red after spending about \$50,000 on establishing its team.

Tooths Breweries have renewed their sponsorship and will provide the club with \$35,000 next season.

Coach, Alan Vest is in England looking for a few new players.

Newcastle hopes to sign Malcolm McLelland, 17, the national under 19 player, from Adamstown Rosebud.

Bill Arney is the only player Newcastle has transfer-listed.

Newcastle official Paul Tristley took exception to a claim by former Soccerroo goalkeeper Jack Reilly that the club spent its money on advert-

ising rather than on juniors.

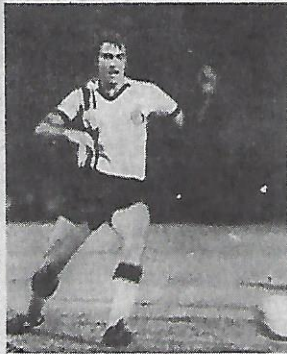
Mr Tristley pointed out that Newcastle did not retain an advertising agency this year and that club directors had paid for promotion.

The club spent about \$12,500 on its youth squad which was knocked out of the final four only on goal average.

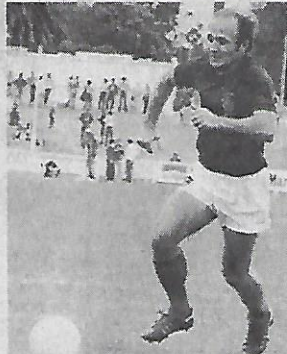
"In 85 per cent of the games we did not exercise our right to play over-age players in the youth squad, so that all the youngsters would regularly get a game," Mr Tristley said.

LAURIE SCHWAB





Branko Buljevic transferred from JUST to Fitzroy for \$12,500 early in 1977. JUST wants him back as a guest player against Vardar.



Mirko Rujevic — ageless midfielder of Footscray JUST.



JUST and Victorian State centre back Jim Kondarios has played against many visiting teams. He is pictured at left shooting for goal against Atromitos of Greece in 1976.



## VARDAR WILL PLAY IN THREE STATES

Vardar Skopje will open its Australian tour with a game against a Footscray JUST team including guest players, at Middle Park, at 5 pm on Sunday, December 3.

The guest stars may include Branko Buljevic of Fitzroy, Doug Utjesenovic of St George and Ivo Prskalo of Marconi.

Utjesenovic joined JUST from OFK Belgrade and represented Victoria before switching to St George.

He was in Australia's 1974 World Cup team.

Prskalo joined Marconi last year from Yugoslav club Velez Mostar.

Buljevic, like Utjesenovic, played for OFK Belgrade, Footscray JUST and Australia.

JUST has been trying also to get West Adelaide's Vic Bozanic as a guest player.

Bozanic has gained a star reputation since switching from Polonia Adelaide this year, and has earned praise from national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

Vardar's second game will be at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide at 8 pm

on Wednesday, December 6, against Adelaide City and guest players.

Vardar then flies to Sydney to meet a Marconi team with guest players at Marconi Oval at 8 pm on Friday, December 8.

The last game will be in Melbourne on Saturday, December 9. Likely time and venue is 5 pm at Middle Park and the likely opponent is a JUST-Preston Makedonia combined team.

Gala presentations of singing and dancing, organised by the Macedonian community, is expected to precede most of the games.

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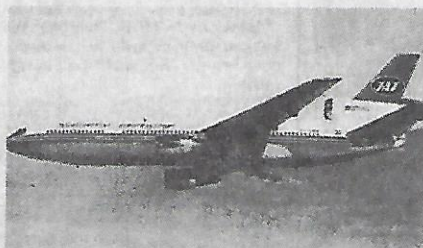


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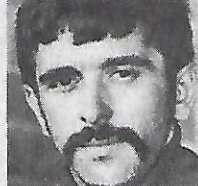
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Former Soccerroo Doug Utjesenovic left JUST to join St George in 1971. He may be guest for JUST against Vardar in Melbourne.



JUST stars Mando Ristovski (left) and Andrija Ristic



Australian under 19 international Alan Davidson. Signed from Altona City, Davidson is likely to make his official debut for JUST against Vardar.

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# BOBEK STILL HOLDS SCORING RECORDS

The legendary Stjepan Bobek decided only at the last minute to accompany Vardar Skopje to Australia.

Bobek at first told a club committee meeting that he would not make the trip.

He said he was very tired and that he wanted a rest.

His doctor had advised him to spend some time at a spa resort.

However, it then became obvious that this was not to be just another tour.

The excitement among players and officials was unprecedented.

Not only were 23 players to make the trip, but also nine officials, including the club president and vice-presidents and the president of the Macedonian Football Association.

Bobek thus changed his decision and decided to make the tour after all.

"Now I'm just as excited as the players," Bobek said in an exclusive interview for "Soccer Action."

"After all, Australia is one of the few countries I have not visited. If I don't take my chance now, I might never get there."

Bobek and the Vardar party will leave Yugoslavia on November 28 and return on December 11 or 12.

Bobek made his name as a player with Partizan, after the second world war.

It was he who suggested Partizan should adopt the

black and white colors it wears today.

Bobek played No. 10 for Partizan. About the same time, Red Star Belgrade had a winger called Bane "Jarac" Vukosavljevic who was renowned for his strength and persistence.

He is now managing director of "Centroturist," the company which is organising Vardar's tour. Its Australian representative is the Adriatic Tourist Bureau.

Bobek acknowledges the part Vukosavljevic played in arranging Vardar's tour. "I'm sure his name helped to pull many strings. I'm pleased to be associated with him again, as I hadn't seen him since he was scoring goals for Red Star."

Modest as ever, Bobek did not say that he too was scoring goals during that time. Lots of them!

He hung up his boots in October 1958, but he still holds the goalscoring record for the Yugoslav national team. In 63 international matches, he scored no less than 37 goals.

And how many for Partizan, we asked him. "I can't remember exactly. I played about 470 games.

The number of goals I scored was a little higher than that," he said.

In a league match between Partizan and "The 14th of October" (now called Radnicki Ris), Bobek scored nine goals in Partizan's 10-1 win. It still stands as the best individual goalscoring performance in the top league.

Bobek played in two Olympic Games — 1948 in London and 1952 in Helsinki.

Yugoslavia lost 1-3 to Sweden in the 1948 final, with Bobek scoring his team's only goal.

In 1952, Yugoslavia lost 0-2 to Hungary in the final but on the way, it had two memorable matches against the Soviet Union. The first was drawn 5-5, requiring a replay which Yugoslavia won 3-1.

Yugoslavia's legendary team of that time was — Beara; Stankovic, Crnkovic; Calkovski, Horvat, Boskov; Ognjanov, Mitic, Vukas, Bobek, Zebec.

Although Bobek hung up his boots two decades ago, he did not say goodbye to football.

For five years, he was coach of Partizan and later coached Panathinaikos and Olympiakos in Greece.

## 32-man party

The touring party of Vardar Skopje is:

### PLAYERS

Dragan Dimitrovski  
Filip Filipovski  
Georgi-Jovanovski  
Georgi Todorovski  
Vlatko Dimitrovski  
Mladen Andreevski  
Jastrad Janevski  
Petre Grujevski  
Atanas Grncarov  
Koco Dimitrovski  
Borce Micevski  
Mensur Napijpi  
Ljupco Georgievski  
Mile Necovski  
Vasil Ringov  
Zarko Odjakov  
Sandre Manevski  
Risto Gilgorovski  
Zlatko Tasevski

### OFFICIALS

Djordjo Nikolovski, club president  
Blazo Ristomanov, vice president  
Tome Buklevski, vice president  
Simo Balvanski, general secretary of the Football Association of Macedonia.  
Stevan Karanfilovic, club secretary  
Stjepan Bobek, head coach  
Caslav Bozinovski, trainer  
Dr Rade Caparevski, team doctor  
Risto Todorovski, masseur.

## Firm favorite for promotion

Vardar started the season in brilliant style and was four points clear of nearest rival Radnicki Kragujevac after 10 matches, with a goal difference of 25.9.

Vardar has continued its great form and is firm favorite for promotion to the Yugoslav First Division.

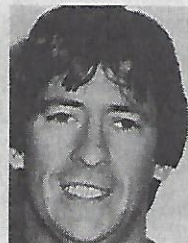
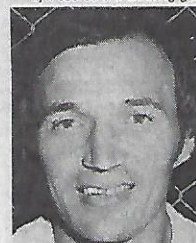
## He played here

Olympiakos coach Todor Veselinovic played in Melbourne in 1956.

He was in the Yugoslav national team that reached the Olympic soccer final, in which it lost 0-1 to the Soviet Union.

On the way to the final, Yugoslavia beat the USA 9-1 and India 4-1.

Teams in the final were —  
YUGOSLAVIA — Radenkovic; Koscak, Radovic, Santek, Spajic, Krstic, Sekularac, Papec, Antic, Veselinovic, Mujic.  
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Ijin scored the winning goal.



Marconi's Ivo Prskalo (left) and Preston-Makedonia's George McMillan — both may be guest players

against Vardar in Melbourne. Prskalo will also meet Vardar in Sydney, when Marconi takes on the visitors.



Footscray J.U.S.T.'s long-serving full back Andy Kazi (right), in action against George Potter of Brisbane Lions. If he plays against Vardar, Kazi's opponent will be brilliant winger Gligorovski.



Vic Bozanic (left) of West Adelaide, is tackled by Fitzroy's Andy Bozicas. Both may play against Vardar.

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# VASIL RINGOV THE STAR STRIKER



Action from a game between Vardar and Rad

**Coach Stjepan Bobek believes Vardar still needs three or four new players to ensure long-term success.**

"Luckily we have good junior teams," he told "Soccer Action."

"I can count on perhaps two youngsters and two from outside this season."

"Overall, we have a very good, very young team, with only a few older players. The average age of the team is between 21 and 23."

"They work very hard and are improving all the time."

"We are on top of our league, but it is too early to predict promotion. We still have a lot of work to do."

Talking about the players who make up his first team, Bobek said —

"Goalkeeper **Georgiev**, formerly of Tetex, is only 22 and he has a bright future."

"Rightback **Jovanovski**, formerly of Red Star, is also very young. He was playing as No. 9 but I changed him to defence and he has developed into an excellent offensive full back."

"My No. 3 **Vlatko Dimitrovski**, 22, is one of two brothers. The other is **Koca**, the midfield organiser and the oldest player in the team."

"**Grujevski** is the libero. He has the duty that **Beckenbauer** had with West Germany, and he does an excellent job."

"The stopper in front of him, the man who marks the centre forward is, **Grcarov**, who is only 23."

"In midfield we have a general scorer in young **Micevski** who is only 21

years old. He has the kick of a mule and is still developing. Who knows how good he will become?"

"Our No. 10 is **Odjakov**. He was a left back but I was looking for a good player for the midfield, so I pushed him forward and he has not let me down."

"We bought **Gligerovski** from Pobeda Prilep four months ago. He is 27 and very experienced. Unfortunately, he suffered a knee injury which kept him out for a while but we are confident he will be fit again for the tour and that he will be back in his position on the right wing."

"In one game against Tetex, which we won 6-1, **Gligerovski** scored five goals."

"**Vasil Ringov** is our most dangerous forward. He has an extremely powerful shot and can win a game on his own. There is no doubt he will cause Australian defenders a lot of problems."

Asked to predict the outcome of the tour, Bobek was non-committal.

"I know that all the games will be difficult, as Australian players are much better than most people might think."

"I can't predict anything."

"I can say only that we come fit, determined and with our strongest team. We will give it everything we have in every match."

"I hope we get strong support from our community in Australia and from all Australians who like soccer."

## ZIKA NIKOLIC



### DOBRODOSLICA VARDARUI WELCOME VARDAR!

Turneja Vardara po Australiji treba da pocne 1. decembra u Sidneju, a završila bi se 10. decembra u Melbourneu. Za ovih deset dana popularni drugoligasi iz carskog Skoplja treba da odigra četiri utakmice, od toga dve u Melbur i po jednu u Sidneju i Adelaide. Zanimanje za ovo gostovanje je ogromno, jer u Australiji živi brojna makedonska kolonija, koja je zaljubljena u fudbal, a Vardar je dika i ponos Makedonije. U ovom trenutku se "crveno-crni" dižu iz pepela posto su pune tri godine cauli u drugoligi. Sa dolaskom cunenog strucnjaka i reprezentativca Stjepana Bobeka za trenera Vardara nastao je preporod. Istina zadnja dva prvenstvena kola bila su ponovo crna za Vardara, ali su ovog puta u pitanju trenutna kriza i zamor, koji ce se lako prebolati.

Vardar je prole godine proslavio tridesetogodisnjicu uspesnog sportskog rada. Osnovan je jula 1947 godine fuzijom skopskih klubova Pobede i Makedonije. Kao naslednik skopski Pobede VARDAR je postao takmicar prve lige 1947/48 godine kada je izmedju deset klubova zauzeo osmo mesto. U to vreme najbolji igraci Vardara su bili Dilev, Gecov, Petrovski, Kabinovski, Andonovski i Janovski. Medjutim, te godine Vardar ispada iz najboljeg drustva, jer su propali bili smi klub igra kvalifikacionu utakmicu sa trece plasiranom ekipom druge lige. Nasa Krila su tom prilikom pobedili Vardara, koji se vraca u prvu ligu 1952/53 godine, d bi se u njoj odrazil pune tri godine. U to vreme gol Vardara je branio reprezentativac Vidinic. Prvi put se pojavljuje imo Dacevskog, koji postaje stalni prvotimac, da bi doznije presao u Crvenu Zvezdu. Fudbalsku karijeru je savrio u Australiji, gde je nalazemino igrao i trenirao Jugala iz Sidneja i Makedoniju iz Melbournea.

VARDAR je imao najbolji sastav izmedju 1960 i 1968 godine. Taj period je upisan zlatnim slovima u spomen knjigi Vardara. Najveci uspeh klub je postigao 1961. godine kada je u finalu Jugo-Kupa pobedio Varteksa sa 2:1. Vardar je tada nastupio u sledecem sastavu: Georgievski, Vucidolov, Andjusev, Dacevski, Bozinovski, Trajcevi, Iljevski, Donovski, Velkovski, Iljevski, Donic, Sulincevski, Velkovski i Nikolicovski.

U prvenstvenim takmicenijima Vardar je bio najuspesniji 1967/68 godine kada je zauzeo sesto mesto u prvoj ligi Jugoslavije. Te godine su za Vrdar igrali sledeci asovi: Mutbaric, Drobac, Meckarov, Placikov, D. Georgiev, M. Spasovski, Iljevski, Donic, Sulincevski, Velkovski, ti brata Mojsav, Srebrov i Peav.

U ovom periodu Vardar je postigao i medjunarodne uspehe. U Srednjoevropskom kupu dva puta je dospao do polufinala, dok je u Balkanskom kupu dva puta bio finalist.

Za reprezentaciju Jugoslavije su igrali sa uspehom Dragan Mutbaric, Metodije Spasovski i Kiril Dojcinovski.

Najbolji strelci Vardara su bili Dragan Georgievski, Andon Doncevi, Petar Sulincevski, Metodije Spasovski i Dusan Sulica.

### BOBEK DONOSI PREPOROD

Kada je VARDAR 1976. godine lpaao iz prve lige, igraci su se razbezali kao pacovi sa broda koji tone. Najtezi je bio gubitak Baleskog, igraca velikih kvaliteta, ali do zloboga nedisciplinovanogri boemskog karaktera. Za njim suotli i drugi taleniti igraci, tako d nje Vardar dve godine bio prosecan, klub, koga su polako ostavljali i zaboravljali navijaci. Medjutim, dolazak Stjepana Bobeka izmenio je sve iz osnovu. Istina, igraci kadar nije bio bogat sa talentovanim i ikusnim igracima. Zato su dobili odmah priliku mladi i nisu se obrukali, lako su protiv Sutjeske i Majdanpeks posustali. Naolice Bobek dobro rasenje za trenutnu krizu, jer je za tri meseca sistematskog rada prosirio krug sposobnih igraca, a pored toga ima dosta povredjenih, koji ce se uskoro vratiti u stroj.

Vardar ove godine izmedju stativa ima pouzdanog golmana Georgijeva, ali ni njegov zamenik Branko Georgievski nije nista slabiji. Uzbu odobreni sacinjavju: Jovanovski, Todorovski, V. Dimitrovski, K. Dimitrovski, Grujevski i Nedjaji.

Vezni igraci su Grcarov, U. Georgievski, Micevski i Odzakov. Najopasniji po protivnicki gol je Ringov, ali se treba dobro cuvati ostrih udaraca Micevskog, Manevskog, Nesovskog, Gligerovskog i Micevskog koji sutruju na gol iz svih pozicija i daljina.

Od Vardara mozemo ocekivati uspesnu reprezentaciju jugoslovenskog i makedonskog fudbala, dakle lepu i ktrnjastu igru, koja nece biti siromasna sa golovima.

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Last year's picture of Vardar (various changes have been made to the squad since then). Standing from left — Sarenac, Grcarov, Srebrov, Andreevski, Krstevski, Filipovski, Dimitrovski, Front: Rajceviski, Nikolic, Spasovski, Draganic, Paunovski.



Vardar's stopper Atanas Grcarov (left) clears the ball in a game against Radnicki Pirov.







# 11 axed by Apia Wests

Apia Wests' playing squad for next season is expected to include four imported players.

Two will be British and two will come from Italy.

They will be joined by nine former Western Suburbs players, and five from Apia Leichhardt.

The players retained when the clubs amalgamated were Peter Wilson, Peter Stone, Warren Turnbull, Ian Rowden, Rod Skellern, Greg Woodhouse, Clive Eaton, Brian Draws, Bobby Noble (ex-Western Suburbs), Terry Butler, Bobby McGinn, and Mike Fraser (ex-Apia). Two young Leichhardt players - Mark Pullen and John Griffiths - will also join Apia Wests.

Cosch Jim Adam signed



Dave Harding (right) in action for Australia against Iran's Abdul-lahi

two players on a recent visit to England.

Apia Wests dumped eleven former Western Suburbs players, including promising young strikers Alan Fisher and Andy Scott, and former Soccerro Dave Harding.

The players not retained are Terry Eaton, Fisher, Scott, Harding, John Vernon, Brian O'Donnell, Mark Samuels, Wally Lachowicz, Brian Dodds, Frank Campbell and Peter Davis.

## CHALDI'S MISSION

Australia's Coach of the Year, Gerry Chaldi of Hakookh, off to Brazil next month to pick up a few "tricks of the trade".

Chaldi's six-week trip will also be a quest for new talent in Rio de Janeiro and Europe, aimed at giving the already mighty Hakookh machine added strength for the 1978 Philips League competition.

An advance scout, in the form of the club's left-winger Hilton Silva preceded Chaldi to Brazil, where the popular striker, and his wife and daughter played their first visit to their families since 1972.

Through Silva's father - a soccer official of many years' standing - and Hakookh's own contacts, arrangements are nearly finalised for Chaldi to spend a full month studying the techniques and methods of some of Brazil's leading soccer coaches.

The scheme was initiated at the prodding of Hakookh's technical director, Andrew Lederer, a fervent admirer of soccer Brazilian-style.

Lederer is seeking that elusive mixture of direct and effective British virtues and the wizardry and spectacular individualism which characterises football in South America.

While emphasising that the main purpose of Chaldi's trip is to keep abreast of the latest developments in world soccer, Lederer also admitted that the coach will be on the lookout for any "extraordinary, talented players" who might be available.

"However, even if we have to pay transfer fees for them, we will sign only players of outstanding ability," he said, explaining that the whole-sale importation of players of limited ability on the verge of ending their careers in the minor leagues of Europe, is a self-defeating policy.

In fact, Hakookh is seeking to maintain a policy of building its team on local players, with a regular infusion of established stars from overseas.

Two imports this year, Mark Trenter from West Bromwich Albion and Ian Bouness of Chelsea, come into the last category and performed above all expectations.



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# U.S.F. TO EXPAND STATE LEAGUE?

The Victorian State League may be increased to 14 teams next season.

The increase would affect all the other leagues as teams are promoted to make up vacancies.

The Victorian Soccer Federation is in such doubt about the structure of leagues that it will not publish a year book next season.

Determination to have a Greek club in the State League is one reason for the possible increase to 14 teams.

The team would be a Western Suburbs - Port Melbourne combination.

The two clubs are understood to have agreed to amalgamate if there is a chance to get into the State League.

Western Suburbs has the nucleus of a

State League team. Port Melbourne has a fine ground.

The start of "two up, two down" at the end of the 1980 season is another reason that the league may be increased.

If two teams are added, the weakest of the existing clubs would have two less chances of being relegated.

— LAURIE SCHWATS

# Perth '79 in doubt, Sydney wins Croatia Cup

By KYLIE PATTERSON

The 1978 Croatia Cup presented three days and nights of non-stop carnival activity in Deakin, Canberra.

More than 1,000 people representing or supporting the 15 Croatian-backed clubs competing, journeyed to the A.C.T.

But although this season's tournament was the most successful Croatia Cup, continued success of the event is in doubt after an executive decision made during the competition.

Delegates of the clubs voted - although not unanimously - that Perth would be the venue for the 1979 Cup.

Essendon Croatia was one of the clubs which objected. Manager Frank Burin argued the expense of transporting participants to W.A. would be too great.

Burin said Essendon would not compete if the tournament is in Perth.

And seeing 12 of the 15 teams in the 1978 Cup were from the eastern states, Essendon's viewpoint is logical.

Any club which undertakes to run the Croatia Cup in years to come will have a difficult task reaching the standard set by Croatia Deakin.

The site of the 1978 tournament was like a mini Olympic Village.

The centrepiece is the magnificent fully licensed Croatia Club. A throw-in away from the Croatia Club car park, is the Em-

bassy Motel, which was booked full of people involved in the tournament.

A corner kick's distance from the Croatia Club was the entrance to the enclosed Deakin ground, which has two pitches.

The playing surface is immaculate, with seating facilities along one side for the main pitch.

There is ample space in the complex, and Deakin has plans to build a grandstand.

Deakin arranged also the Miss Croatia Australia Ball at the Woden Plaza. An estimated 3000 people attended, which shows the magnitude of the weekend.

Deakin arranged sponsorship, with T.A.A. and the Banjo Paterson Motor Inn.

But still the club sank a lot of money into the tournament.

The Croatian community is one of the tightest-knit in Australia, but other ethnic groups should try organising similar competitions.

The benefits are great. The communities stay in touch, and can develop working relationships.

Co-operation between the clubs regarding transfer of players is one area in which large benefits can be gained.

The host club has the chance to promote the event and win the interest of the general public.

But the biggest gains for the Croatians is at an individual level. It gives them the chance to see old friends and have a good time with their favourite sport.

The Croatia Cup 1978 kicked off on Friday November 3.

Deakin played in the first game at 11 am and defeated Croatia Perth 2-0.

Fifteen preliminary games were played on the Friday, with six more completing the preliminary programme the next day.

In group A Deakin had the upper hand, and was assured of a place in the semi-finals early.

Perth was Deakin's only rival, with the luckless Luncheonston conceding 11 goals in three games.

Group B had only three teams, but Essendon made sure of a semi final berth with a 9-0 victory over King Tomislav in the opening game.

Winger Brian Davidson scored five goals in the massive victory, and finished top goalscorer.

## Results

\* Final: SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Stone) ESSENDON CROATIA 1 (Culina) Sydney won 5-3 on penalties.

\* Third place play off: DEAKIN CROATIA 3, ADELAIDE CROATIA 2.

\* Semi-finals: ESSENDON CROATIA 2, GLENORCHY DEAKIN CROATIA 0, SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Abonyi) ADELAIDE CROATIA 0.

GROUP A

Deakin..... 9 0 6  
Perth..... 5 3 4  
Split..... 3 0 2  
L'coston..... 3 1 0

Results: Deakin 2 Perth 0, Deakin 5 L'coston 0, Split 3 L'coston 2, Perth 2 Split 0, Deakin 2 Perth 3 L'coston 1.

GROUP B

Ess'don..... 16 1 4  
Tomislav..... 3 0 2  
Glenorchy..... 1 1 0

Results: Ess 9 Tomislav 0, Glen 0 Tomislav 3, Ess 7 Glen 1.

GROUP C

Sydney..... 12 1 5  
Brisbane..... 11 4 4  
Mildura..... 6 19 2  
Dinamo..... 3 8 1

Results: Syd 9 Mild 0, Syd 2 Bris 1, Bris 2 Din 1, Mild 5 Din 1, Syd 1 Din 1, Bris 9 Mild 1.

GROUP D

Adelaide..... 9 3 6  
Whyalla..... 5 6 3  
Geelong..... 6 5 2  
Huntville..... 4 10 1

Results: Why 2 Geel 0, Adel 2 Geel 1, Adel 3 Hunt 1, Why 2 Hunt 2, Geel 5 Hunt 1, Why 1 Adel 4.

It's been a busy year for Australia's best under 19 players.

Mid-year they toured North America with the Australian schoolboys squad, and now they've just returned from the national under 19 team's World Youth Cup qualifying games in New Zealand.

Nine players were on both trips - Malcolm McClelland (Nth NSW); Eddie Krncovic, George Christopoulos (Vic); Greg Woodhouse, Peter Raskopoulos, Ian Hunter (NSW); Mike Milovanovic, Danny Moulis (ACT) and John Spanos (WA).

The Australian schoolboys squad is pictured above. It is standing from left - Malcolm McClelland (Nth NSW), Peter Katholias (NSW), Charlie

Yankos (Vic), Eddie Krncovic (Vic), Tony Pezzano (NSW), Greg Woodhouse (NSW), Mike Milovanovic (ACT), Michael Boogard (Nth NSW), Peter Raskopoulos (NSW), John Spanos (WA), Tommy O'Halloran (Vic), Frank - Jack Dodd (NSW, team manager), Arthur Sharp (WA), Ian Hunter (NSW), George Christopoulos (Vic), Bobby McLachlan (Vic., coach), Danny Moulis (ACT), Paul Iannace (SA), Paul Kay (NSW), Bill Hunter (Nth NSW, tour leader).

Other players who were in the Australian under 19 squad that went to New Zealand are -

Three Selemlia, Alan Davidson Jeff Oliver (Vic), Steve Hogg (ACT), Craig Hall, Ian Rowden (NSW), Peter Tradnick, Graham Jennings (Nth NSW), Paul Tombides (WA).

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